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THE DAY

## OLYMPIC HIGH DIVING TITLE GOES TO USA

London, August 5.

American swimmers continued on their triumphant way at the Olympic Games today, winning the first heat in the 1,500-metre men's free style event and also the Olympic high diving title.

The high diving went to Sam Lee. Another American, Bruce Harlan, was second, and J. Capilla, of Mexico, third. Lee scored 130.05 points, Harlan 122.30 points and Capilla 113.52 points.

### Air Crash Enquiry

Results of the enquiry into the Catalina flying-boat disaster on July 10 will be released simultaneously on Wednesday in Hong Kong and Macao. It was officially learned yesterday.

The "China Mail" was informed that the report on the crash in which 20 lives were lost will be presented to the Governor today.

Copies of the report will be placed on the table at the Legislative Council meeting on Wednesday afternoon.

### "PLANE SAFE" REPORT

Paris, August 5. The French news agency reported today that the Air France agency at Marseilles has received a dispatch from Marseilles that the missing seaplane, Latécoere 631, has been found with all the 52 passengers alive.

Air France headquarters reported today that no information tending to confirm the Marseilles dispatch.

The Agency France-Press cautions that the report should be "treated with caution." The report said the Latécoere 631 was found 100 miles south of the point from which it had been previously heard from—United Press.

### The Weather

A depression now centred about 150 miles south of Tokyo has become very weak and is drifting north slowly and filling up.

There is a moderate southerly air trough to the east of this depression and Japan. But elsewhere over the area there is little or no pressure gradient. Today's forecast—Light southwesterly winds. Fair or fine.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum 80.4 deg. Fah. Minimum 73.1 deg. Fah. Sunshine: 115 hours.

Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—160.8 mm.—59.09 ins. as against an average of 189.9 ins. for the month.

Baro. at sea level: 1010.0 m.b. Equals 30.28 in. Hg. Rel. Humidity: 75 % Dew Point: 61 deg. F. Wind Direction: WWSW Wind Force: 1 to 2 knots. Tides: High 10.15, 22.15. Low 4.15, 16.15.

### MYSTERY MTB FIRED ON

Several shots had to be fired by Police Launch No. 4 to stop a mysterious converted motor torpedo boat from leaving harbour on Wednesday.

The shots were fired after repeated warnings by flag signalling and siren sounding had failed to attract the attention of the occupants of the speed boat.

The boat found 23 persons on board. The craft's clearance showed only 14 crew. The speed boat, with one of its twin Packard engines missing, was ordered to the Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter. There it was searched by Revenue Inspectors who, however, found nothing incriminating.

Charged yesterday at the Marine Court with carrying excess passengers and failing to stop when signalled by the Police, the master of the motor torpedo boat pleaded that the nine extra persons on board were members of his crew. He added that he did not hear the police siren. Defendant was convicted and fined HK\$400 by Mr. D. G. Cairns, Marine Magistrate.

The craft was overhauled in Hong Kong and steel plating was installed to protect the coxswain and the engines.

### BORDER REVOLT

Nanking, August 5. Several thousand South-West tribesmen revolted on the Szechwan-Sikang border today, an official source said.

Under the banner of the "Democratic League," the Yi tribe in the Hanyuan, Mianning and Yuchi regions 100 miles southwest of Chengtu, attacked Chinese garrisons with a total strength of 2,000 rifles, according to an official report reaching Nanking.

The rebels held the Government officer, Nien Jen-an, hostage, while the Government rushed reinforcements there, reports said.

The highway between Szechwan and Sikang was reported cut by Red contingents.

The Sikang Governor Liu Wen-hui has sent a message asking the Chinese to mediate.—Associated Press.

## PWD WARNING TO RESIDENTS

Build only about 11 months ago, a four-storey residential building in Kowloon is now in danger of collapsing. The house is occupied by more than 20 people.

Residents living in the top floor have already vacated following warning of the building's dangerous condition by the Public Works Department.

Government officials have all ready shored up the side of the building with wooden poles and bamboo scaffolding, to prevent the wall from falling in. The wall is already bulging out in places. Large layers of plaster have fallen off exposing the irregular sized rocks and brickwork in the structure.

The house is at No. 41, Austin Road, Kowloon. The landlady lives on the first floor and rents out the other floor.

One of the occupants of the building, Mr. Bokhary, told that part of the wall facing Temple Street is bulging out. It looks as if the foundation of the wall has sunk," he added.

Mr. Bokhary said that the Public Works Department sent officials out a few days ago to shore up the wall and warned the occupants that the building is in a dangerous condition. They were advised to move out. The occupants of the top floor moved out the next day.

### Month To Repair

Mr. Bokhary said that the landlady was informed that it would cost about HK\$20,000 to put the building in good shape. In addition she is to pay the expenses incurred in shoring up the wall.

The landlady said she was waiting for the necessary funds from her husband who is but of the Colony. She could not explain why the building, less than a year old had deteriorated so soon.

## Difficult Choice For Chiang BATTLE OF CLIQUES

Nanking, August 5. President Chiang Kai-shek is facing one of the toughest decisions in his career as a result of the Kuomintang reform clamour.

It is a decision that will not only determine whether the Generalissimo will have to shear himself of some of his personal power, but which might well determine whether that segment of public opinion in America now opposed to the Kuomintang will swing toward or further away from him.

The Generalissimo is known to favour, in principle, certain changes in the party machinery, but he is being challenged to accept more sweeping demands which would deprive him of a great portion of his own authority.

One school of advisers is urging him to make drastic and dramatic changes to convince the nation that his leadership is sincerely attempting to revitalize the country's administration.

But informed sources say the President is inclined to move gradually since he is unwilling overnight to abandon many years' support of certain party leaders, notably Chen Li-fu, who at present is President of the Legislative Yuan.

There is no question but that the final decision will be made by the Generalissimo himself as the Kuomintang caucus just ended is only advisory. The Central Party Headquarters invariably accepts his decisions.

### The Danger

But should we decide to "over-ride" the more radical reforms—whose primary aim is to oust the so-called CCC clique from its dominant position—he will aggravate party disunity and the anti-Chiang movement with the danger of giving dissidents a majority in the Legislative Yuan.

One source pointed to Dr. Chen Li-fu's absence from China—he is now in England—as an indication that the Generalissimo is inclined to curtail the influence of the conservative group led by the Chen brothers.

Others attached significance to the failure of Vice-President Gen. Li Tsung-hsi to leave Peiping for the caucus. This is seen as meaning Gen. Li has little hope of wide reforms.



Some of the orderly crowd of defendants and their families who filled the Tenancy Tribunal during an eviction application brought by the Godown Company yesterday. (China Mail Photo)

## Hundreds Crowd The Tenancy Tribunal

Hundreds of men, women and children packed the Tenancy Tribunal and corridors of the Supreme Court yesterday, when hearing of an application for the eviction of the occupants of Nos. 11-28 Haiphong Road, Kowloon, took place.

A large body of police officers were sent to the Supreme Court Building and took up positions at different points, but there was no outbreak of trouble, the large crowd behaving in an orderly manner.

The application was brought by The Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., (applicants), against Gen. Woo Wang Kit, Ma Hing-git, Lam Yu-chi, Ko Gen-sing, Chan Chew, Chan Chee-kwong, Ng Kan-hui, Lam Ma-yin, Ma Cham-shun, Lau Chan-shing, Ma Far-chi, Sheng Hing, Ma Hing-kung, Ma Yook-ting, Ngai Ma-chew, Ma Chung, Ko Chui-ngor, Yu Shin, Ma Kin, Ma Lam, Lu Kor, Fan Bip-tung, Ma Bin-tow, Chan Joe.

The war had had paid, on behalf of the applicants, the taxes and rates to the Japanese Government during the Japanese Occupation.

The opponents are either doing business on the premises or were working for the applicants or say that they are all well-known to the applicants. They have tenancy before the war and have lived on the premises since then.

The opponents claimed to be entitled to stay on the premises as bona fide tenants and said they have always been willing to pay rent to the applicants at the rate payable before the war in respect of the premises.

Mr. C. E. Terry of the applicant company said that none of the opponents had ever paid rent to the applicants since the re-occupation. Before the Japanese occupation, there were three types of tenancy on the premises.

Members of the Wharf Company paid \$13.00 a month. Those who were not members of the Wharf Company were given facilities to live on the premises at \$2.00 a month. A few, through association with the Wharf Company, were allowed quarters free.

Mr. Terry said that exhaustive enquiries had been made and none of the present people before the Tribunal had ever been tenants of the Wharf Company, although a large number of them were principal tenants.

Mr. Terry claimed that when he came back after the liberation of the Colony, he was very busy engaged in re-organising the affairs of the applicant and had no time to attend to the present matter. He now wanted to have opponents evicted because the premises were required as quarters for the staff of applicants.

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## Kwangtung Flood Damage

Canton, August 5.

Mid-summer floods hitting with force on the North, East and West Rivers of Kwangtung in the wake of typhoon Rose began to subside slightly today, although there is fear that extensive damage has been caused.

At Waihow on the East River about 60 miles north east of Hong Kong, over 50 houses were washed away. More than 30 small craft foundered. One newspaper said that 300 vessels were sent to the bottom of the river by the torrential and whirling waters.

It was the worst inundation in 50 years for the Waihow area, according to a press despatch. Even the Wu Shui and Cheng Shui, tributaries of the North River, rose seven feet early in the week. There were heavy rains on all rivers during the first few days of this month.

In Canton the river level yesterday afternoon was only five feet above flood stage, the lowest mark of 1947, which was the worst year in half a century.

The rains and floods inflicted widespread damage to late crops. The early crops were harvested over a week ago. What the farmers fear most is that so much rain had fallen last week that drought will come to the next plantation in autumn.

Best grade rice was sold today at CN\$70,000,000 a picul of 111 pounds.—Associated Press.

## NO MAN'S LAND FLOODED

Nanking, August 5.

A Water Conservancy spokesman warned that the Yellow River has smashed through its dykes at Kaotsun in West Shantung and flood waters may be racing over parts of West Shantung east of Honan and north of Kiangsu.

Because of military operations in the area, details were lacking but the Water Conservancy Ministry said a "dangerous current" backed by rising river levels was pounding at the dykes.

The point at which a break in the retaining walls was reported is in the vicinity of "no man's land" in which both the Government and Communists have accused their enemies of interfering with flood prevention projects.—Associated Press.

## MAO'S REPLY TO HK DISSIDENTS

San Francisco, August 5.

The Communist Radio in North China said yesterday that Communist leaders and Chinese dissidents in Hong Kong have agreed in principle to meet and set up a coalition government in China.

The radio broadcast, an exchange of telegrams between the Hong Kong factions, which include political exiles from the Government of China, and Mao Tse-tung, head of the Communist Party in China.

The broadcast said a telegram from the Hong Kong groups had agreed with a Communist May Day proposal for a "people's representative assembly" to establish a Democratic coalition government.

Heading the list of signers by the Communist account was Marshal Li Chao-shun, former Kuomintang Party member. He once was Chiang Kai-shek's Army Chief of Staff but later broke with him.

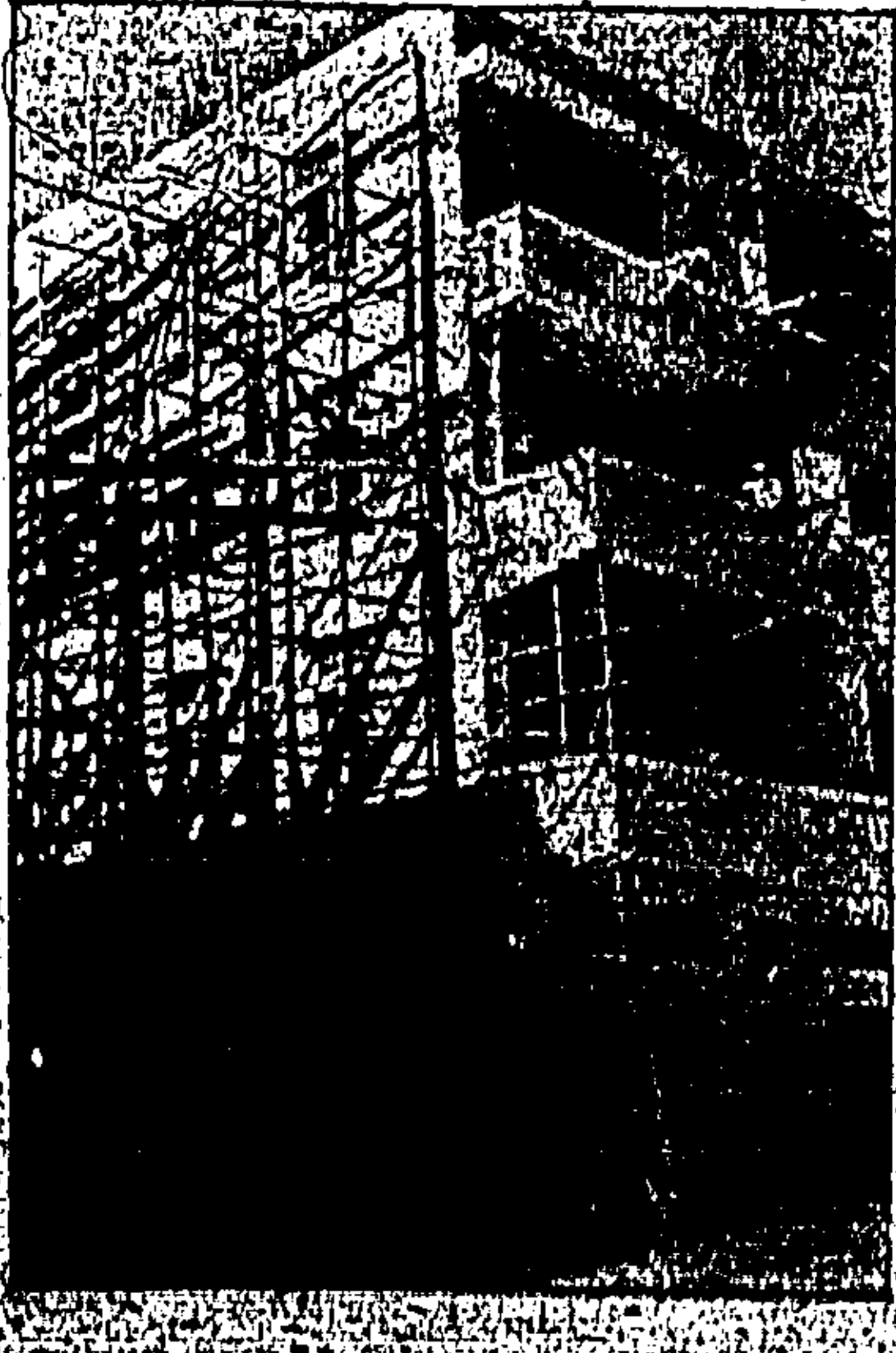
It was warned by the British in Hong Kong last week, to stop the Communist radio from spreading propaganda.

### DAANGEROUS BUILDING

CONDEMNED

AS DANGEROUS, this house at No. 41, Austin Road, Kowloon, was shored up by the Public Works Department a few days ago.

Tenants were advised to vacate the building. Nowhere to go, they are still there, except for the top floor occupants, all ready moved out. The building is a new structure, completed only 11 months ago. (China Mail Photo)



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## Employment High In Shipyards

There were only 11 shipyards among the 1,143 factories (or slightly under one per cent) registered with the Commissioner of Labour in March but they gave employment to 11,366 skilled and manual labourers (10,935 men and 431 women), or an average of 1,033.3 workers each yard.

Representing 18.7 per cent of the total number of 60,650 labourers registered, the number employed in the yards was 61.1 per cent higher than the 6,947 workers employed by the 150 weaving factories in the Colony. The average of 1,033.3 represented 153.1 per cent greater than the average of 408 obtained by the three cigarettes and tobacco factories which gave work to a total of 1,224 persons.

At the other extreme, there were one silver refinery and one plastic wares manufactory which did not have a single employee on its payroll. The record for an "active" factory was held by one manufacturing zinc oxide which employed a single workman.

Knitting factories appeared to be the most popular for there were no fewer than 185 of these establishments registered. They could, however, only afford 4,708 labourers (1,014 men and 3,184 women), or an average of 25.9 to each factory.

### Wedding Attractive

On the other hand, weaving proved most attractive to women workers. In the 150 cotton weaving factories there were 5,245 women to 1,702 men. The two silk weaving concerns employed 170 men and 102 women weavers. There were 48 factories turning out rubber wares. They absorbed 4,913 (1,159 men and 3,754) of the Colony's manpower, or an average of 103.8 each, in manufactory. The 65 metal wares manufactories employed an average of 42.2 labourers each, or a total of 1,959 men and 1,625 women. A total of 1,083 men and 35 women were registered as being employed by the 71 engineering concerns in the Colony.

The large variety of brands of shirts and underwears on the market would give one the impression that it is a most flourishing trade and a large employer of labour.

In the 26 registered factories, there were only 287 men and 403 women workers, or an average of 26.5 each.

Batons for use in these factories were made by 11 concerns employing 246 work people, 101 men and 145 women, and the thread by three establishments with 42 men and 67 women workers.

**Food Workers**  
In the food line, there were 22 flour mills (employing 216 male and 11 female workers), 17 biscuits and confectionery factories (723 employees), one noodle maker with 12 assistants, four

## Free Seats For New Arrivals

Free cinema tickets will be available to the school children who arrived in Hong Kong recently from England. Mr. H. H. O. Odell, Managing Director of International Film Limited, said yesterday that his company is offering the school children complimentary tickets to any of the company's pictures.

The children may call at his office for the tickets any day during their stay in the Colony.

"Lionel Star" and "Diplomat" will be screened shortly at King's Theatre.

## PILOT ON DRIVING CHARGE

Although the man injured in a traffic accident at Jordan Road shortly after 11 p.m. on Wednesday was sitting up in bed and taking notice of things yesterday morning, the doctors at the Kowloon Hospital were of the opinion that there might be a fracture and that he should have an X-ray examination.

The above was revealed by Traffic Sub-Inspector W. P. Apps when he applied to Mr. W. H. Lattimer later in the case in which John Watson Maurice Furley was charged with dangerous driving.

The adjournment, said TSI Apps, was highly desirable as should the patient take a turn for the worst, a more serious charge might be preferred against accused.

Furley, when told that the case would be remanded for a week with bail for him fixed at \$500, informed the Court that his work as a driver for the Hong Kong Government was his only means of livelihood.

Mr. Lattimer: "That's all right. We will let you know when you are wanted and if you are not in the Colony we will keep on remanding the case until you return."

## ASSAULTED TWO WOMEN

Leung Hung, aged 24, was fined \$100 with the option of one month's hard labour by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday for assaulting two women in Hennessy Road.

Inspector Brownrigg said that he had seen the two women being assaulted and after an argument he struck them. He was taken to Queen Mary Hospital, and while waiting to be examined he attempted to strike the women again and had to be stopped by one of the constables.

He was also bound over in a bond of \$100 to be of good behaviour for 12 months.

## HK TRAWLERS MAKE DEEP WATER RECORD

A record catch of 22,500 catties of fish was made in three days' fishing in deep waters, 120 miles South-West of Hong Kong, by two Diesel-propelled, 80-ton trawlers, which arrived here yesterday.

The catch, which was the biggest haul since after the typhoon which hit the colony last fortnight, was comprised mostly of scrappers of different species, garoupas and red fish.

This was the second venture of the Formosan-built mechanised trawlers to fish in waters between 60 to 80 fathoms south of Hong Kong. None of the local fishing fleet had ever attempted to fish in deep waters. The first experimental attempt of the two vessels, brought in 10,000 catties, including new species of fish which astonished local fishermen.

The fish was packed neatly in wooden boxes, each measuring 15 inches by 20 inches, and covered with ice bits. There were altogether 760 boxes, each containing about 30 catties of fish. Only 7,000 catties of fish were landed yesterday at the Government Fish Market, Kennedy Town. The remainder was delivered today.

Three lorry-loads were required to bring the fish into the market.

### Controlled Rates

These were then auctioned at Government-controlled rates. The fish brought in by the Chung Yu No. 1 sold at more than HK\$1. The snappers and garoupas fetched a good price.

Among the fish hauled up by the 35 trawlers there had been several unknown species which were sorted out and thrown back to the sea.

The most used trawlers brought in fresher fish and better quality ones as compared to the market to the "China Mail". They have better storage and travel faster. Each is capable of storing 30 tons of ice to preserve the fish.

Local fishing vessels normally take longer time to bring in their catch and their average catch total only 6,000 catties.

The weather after the typhoon has been good and fish is coming in regularly during the past days, although in small quantity. The market received about 10,000 catties a day at best, he said.

Two more mechanised trawlers, the Yan Chuen No. 1 and No. 2, will join the Chung Yu after the typhoon period is over. Mr. Tsi Tai, Manager of the Yan Chuen Fishery Company of Shanghai, said. The experiment has been proved a success by the first two vessels, and the company will send down the two sister ships to fish as far as the Gulf of Tonkin at the end of September.

### Two Weeks At Sea

The trawlers will stay at sea for two weeks without refuelling and are capable of seven knots. They can withstand gale force winds, being equipped with Diesel engines of 115 hp. Each carries a crew of 15. Northern Chinese, trained and experienced fishermen.

The Chung Yu will leave port tomorrow for their third venture. Meanwhile, the Southern Fishery Industries (Hong Kong) has sent out one of its two mechanised trawlers, with Mr. F. C. Skinner, well-known sailor of Hong Kong and the China Coast, as skipper on a trial trip to the southern deep waters to fish.

The vessel, formerly used as a minesweeper, was converted into a deep-sea trawler and equipped with a Lister Diesel capable of 160 hp. She has 2,500 cubic feet space for fish and ice, and carries 15 crew, all experienced fishermen of Chinese Island. The vessel was licensed by the Marine Department to fish in deep waters only July 30 and left port on July 31 for its trial trip.

She had modern otter-type gear for trawling and will be joined by her sister ship soon. They work independently.

## VICTORY FOR REBELS

Washington, August 4. Senate Republicans today abandoned their efforts to pass a bill which would prohibit the poll tax, a measure of restricting the Negro vote in some Southern States, in the present session of Congress.

The House, however, has passed the bill. The Southern Democrats, who oppose the bill, are in a minority in the House.

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## ITALIAN REDS

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## COUNCIL OF WOMEN

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## LEARNER DRIVERS IN COURT

Seven learner drivers were cautioned, and three fined \$10 each, by Mr. W. H. Lattimer at Kowloon yesterday for breach of traffic regulations.

Chiu Chum-sau, of 15 Junction Road, first floor, and Lau Wong of the Asiatic Petroleum Co.'s installation at Taitokkui, were seen driving their vehicles at Tan King Road between 5.50 and 6 p.m. on July 4, said Traffic Sub-Inspector Donald Brown.

Wai Lok Sang of 75 Des Voeux Road, Central, second floor, was learning at Kent Road at 6.35 p.m. on July 11, and Lee Yin of 111 Bouary Street, ground floor, and Cheung Hon-kuen of 3 Hau Wong Road, ground floor, at Prince Edward Road near Waterloo Road at 7 p.m. the same night.

Ho Mo-ling of 16 Hinhkoy Road, second floor, was noticed driving car 765 at Maitau Road on the morning of July 11, and Lung Bilk-wah of 318 Maitau Road, ground floor, in the same locality on the following afternoon.

Chan Yan of 30 Tung Choi Street, first floor, was driving car 2118 at Chatham Road near Salisbury on the afternoon of July 11; Wong Chuk-hong of 501 Belcher Street, third floor, at Yenchow Street on the afternoon of July 12; and Yu Bing-sun of 284 Yee Chau Street, third floor, at Nathan Road on the afternoon of July 12.

They were fined \$10 each. Sun Ching-yuen of 225 Shing-hai Street, ground floor, was fined \$50 for not having "L" plates when driving his car 3408, outside the Star Ferry wharf on the afternoon of July 7.

## SHANGHAI STREET

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## Divan

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## UN And Mixed Marriages

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## BACKED INTO A PILLAR

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As he would have to pay about \$75 compensation, Ho Yang-tak, 27-year-old driver of Government Vegetable Wholesale Market lorry 8310, was cautioned by Mr. W. H. Lattimer at Kowloon yesterday on the charge of driving with out due care and attention.

The compensation, amounting to \$150, would be claimed by Mr. Lo Man-lung against the Government for damage done to the pillar of the gate at his house at Chai-choi Road, Tsimshui, which was damaged by defendant when backing his lorry on Tuesday morning, said Inspector F. Roberts.

Mr. C. T. Large, Officer-in-charge of the Market, informed the Court that accused would be debilitated with half of the claim. According to Inspector Roberts, Mr. Lo reported to the Police when he found the pillar of the gate at his house damaged. Inquiries made revealed that defendant, while reversing his lorry, struck the pillar. It was quite possible that the vehicle was not going at any fast speed but was just being backed.

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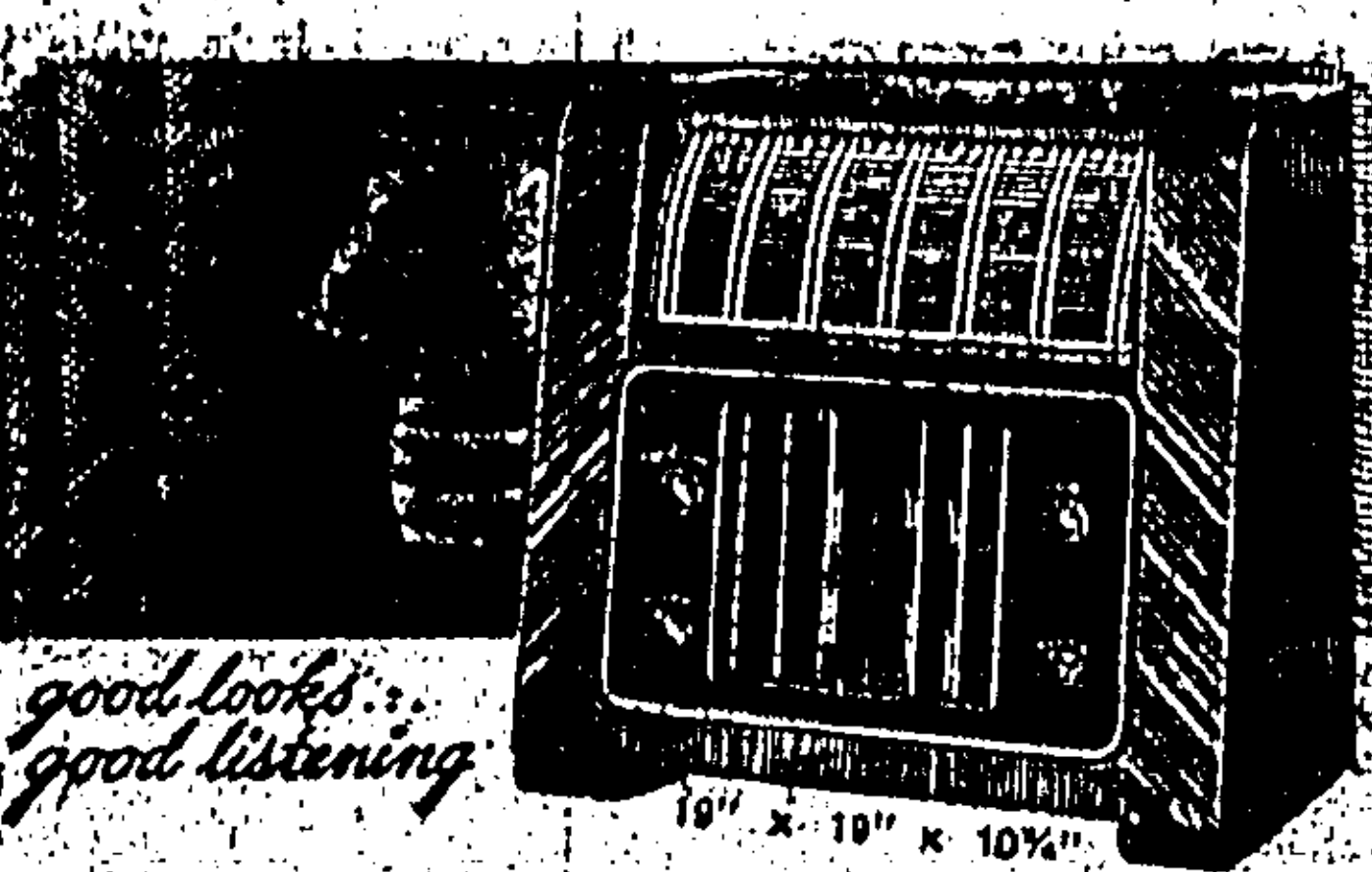
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## HAMMER MURDERER FOUND INSANE

A verdict of guilty but insane was returned by the jury at the Criminal Sessions yesterday in the case in which Cheng Kwok-king was charged with the murder of Cheung Chai, 22-year-old servant girl, on March 15.

On hearing the verdict, Cheng, through the Court Interpreter, asked his counsel, Mr. A. J. Clifford, whether or not he would have to hang for the crime.

Addressing the accused, Mr. Justice Gould (Acting Chief Justice), said:—

"The jury have returned a special verdict that you are guilty of the murder charge but insane. I direct that you be detained in safe custody at Stanley Prison."

After the accused had been led to the cells below, Mr. Justice Gould thanked the jury for their services and exempted them from further jury service for a period of 12 months.

The case for the prosecution was conducted by Mr. A. H. Brown, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Inspector T. Cashman.

Mr. Clifford, instructed by Mr. C.A.S. Russ, represented the accused.

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All persons who claim to be entitled to be registered as shareholders of the Company are hereby required to notify the Company of their FULL NAMES and ADDRESSES, their claim and the evidence upon which it is based WITHIN THREE MONTHS from the 30th day of July, 1948.

Persons who hold Share Certificates and Instruments of Transfer in respect thereof (if any) are requested to produce them at the Company's Registered Office if this has not already been done. Shareholders who have lost their Share Certificates and have not already notified the Company of their loss and given full particulars thereof are requested to write to the Company giving all known particulars of the lost Certificates and the circumstances of the loss, when further information will be given as to other evidence required.

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### URBAN COUNCIL

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N. B. M. WHITLEY, Secretary, Urban Council. Hong Kong, 4th August, 1948.

### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG

#### PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of Felix Amyas Dinsdale of 3 Cliff Drive North, Cardiganshire temporarily of the British Civilian Internment Camp Stanley Hong Kong, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 28th day of August, 1948.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send in their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

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## Woman Called Neurotic Liar: US "Spy" Hunt

Washington, August 4.

Congress today heard that White House intervention kept Russian-born Gregory Silvermaster in a high Government war job after civil service investigators had marked him as a probable agent of the Soviet secret police.

Silvermaster himself admitted to the House Un-American Activities Committee that the Navy had tried to get him dismissed from the Board of Economic Warfare in 1942 on the grounds that he was a Communist.

However, he said, his job was saved by Lauchlin Currie, then administrative assistant to President Roosevelt. He finally left the Government voluntarily some months ago. Silvermaster proved a reluctant witness at the House hearing. He declined to talk on practically anything except his White House connections. He denied he had ever been a Soviet spy, as charged last week by Elizabeth Bentley, self-confessed wartime courier for the Communist underground allegedly operating inside the Government here.

Miss Bentley, Silvermaster told the Committee, was a "neurotic liar" and her story "false and fantastic." Beyond that witness would not go, even under the most persistent questioning. He refused to say whether he was or ever had been a Communist, on the constitutional grounds that the answer might incriminate him.

On the same grounds, he refused to talk on any part of Miss Bentley's evidence. Nor would he say whether he even knew her or had any knowledge of the spy network which she alleged he helped direct.

### Microfilming

Silvermaster said he was keeping quiet on the advice of his lawyer David Rehn, who defended the German Communist, Gottfried Eisler, accused of being the Russian Comintern's No. 1 agent in the United States.

Miss Bentley, who had been listening from a front row seat, was called to the stand as soon as Silvermaster had finished.

She repeated under oath that she knew Silvermaster, that he and his wife were Communists and that the underground used a laboratory in the basement of his Washington home to microfilm confidential United States Government documents.

The actual microfilming, she swore, was done by William Ludwig Ullman, former Treasury Department confidential employee, identified earlier by Miss Bentley, as a member of the spy ring. She said Mrs. Silvermaster helped him.

"Neurotic Liar." When Miss Bentley left the stand, the Committee produced a civil service report which apparently was the basis for the Navy's attempt to get Silvermaster out of the Board of Economic Warfare.

Silvermaster, an erect, graying man who came here from his native Odessa in Russia in 1915 and became a citizen in 1927, refused point blank to be drawn into any further discussion.

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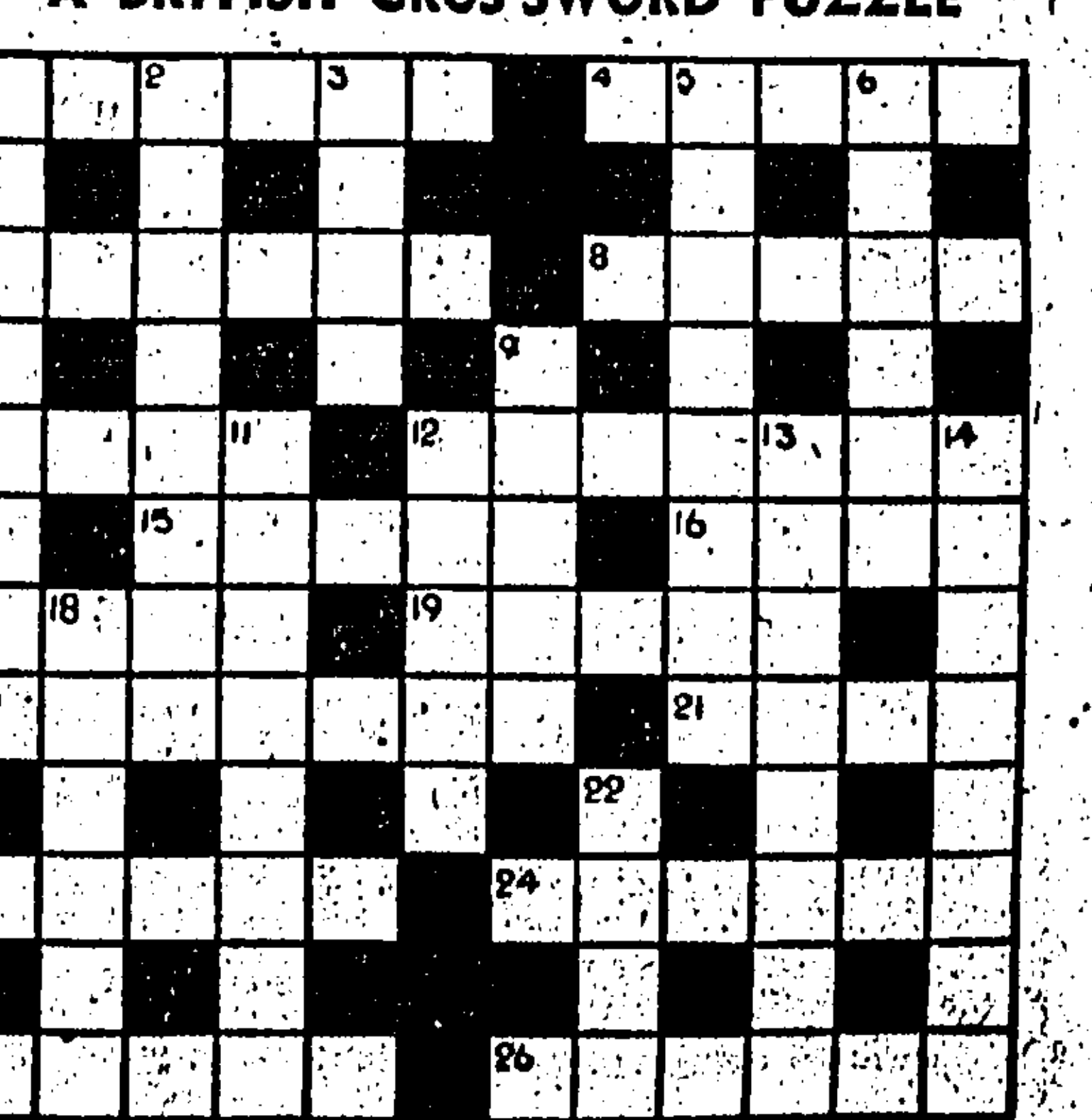
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DA Q J 7  
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3 H Pass 3 NT Pass  
4 NT Pass 5 D Pass  
5 NT Pass 6 D Pass  
6 H

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#### Clues Across

1 Scanty 10 First appear-  
4 Not sour 11. 20 Removes mud  
7 Show 21 Similar  
8 Willow 23 Danger  
10 File 25 Quiet  
12 Except about 24 Quilt  
15 Cleared 26 Angry  
17 Part

#### Clues Down

1 Pastor 12 Embryo  
2 Friendly 13 Reserved in  
3 Plunder 14 Crazy  
5 Uneconomical 16 Commands  
6 Lace-hole 18 Sagacious  
9 Houses 22 Sagacious  
11 Cleared 23 Sagacious

#### Yesterday's Crossword

Across—3 Complete; 5 Stream; 6 Perishing; 11 Retainer; 12 Dial; 13 Valid; 14 Lure; 15 Raid; 23 Dissolve; 24 Promotes; 25 Legend; 26 Controls.

Down—1 Usury; 2 Grate; 3 Capital; 4 Omen; 5 Pour; 6 Elicit; 7 Engulf; 8 Remit; 9 Limit; 10 Dresses; 16 Tropic; 17 Disown; 20 Fleet; 21 Needy; 22 Down; 23 Sell.



# PALESTINE MEDIATION

## Jews Reveal Bitterness Towards Britain

### The Queen's Birthday

London, August 4. A salute of 62 guns was fired today at the Tower of London in honour of Queen Elizabeth's 49th birthday. The 62-gun salute is made up of 41 for the usual Royal salute and 21 for the Tower salute.

Hundreds of telegrams and letters of good wishes arrived at Buckingham Palace. Queen Mary and other members of the Royal Family sent personal greetings to the Queen.—Reuter.

### Believed Propaganda

Hamburg, August 5. Twenty German women war prisoners remained in the Soviet zone of Germany because they believed the intense Communist propaganda they were subjected to in Russia, returning women prisoners charged today.

A total of 350 women, the first female war prisoners to come to Germany from Russia, returned to Germany last week. Most of the women came from the Ural.

Several said they spent three to four years in Siberian coal mines.—United Press.

### Rumanian Envoy Resigns

London, August 4. M. Ion Murgu, Press Counsellor at the Rumanian Legation here, has resigned in protest against the "Gestapo habits" of the regime in Rumania and the Legation in London.

M. Murgu alleged, in a statement tonight, that the Legation staff treated him "like an enemy or a British spy," and opened all his letters.

"I am in a tough spot and I am going to take a long rest so that I can remember what it is to be free again," he told Reuter. M. Murgu, who was Press Attaché in London before the war and joined the British Army in 1941, was reinstated as Legation Press Counsellor in 1944.—Reuter.

### RADIO

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12.15 p.m.—Catholic Prayers by the Rev. Father R.W. Gallagher, S.J. (Studio).

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.32 p.m.—Jimmy Dorsey and His Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Billie Holiday (Tenor) and Quentin Macken (Organ).

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—Music from Foreign Lands.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.01 p.m.—Children's Story: "Wind in the Willows" by Kenneth Graham. Produced by Members of the H.K. Stage Club (Studio).

6.30 p.m.—"One Night Stand," Presented by Philip Burn (Studio).

7.00 p.m.—"New Tre" Talks on Sport (Studio).

7.10 p.m.—"Paving Mr. Paradise" and His Orchestra, Introduced by Anna Wilson (RDS).

7.25 p.m.—Music from Mozart's Serenades.

7.50 p.m.—Bernardas Von Gecey and His Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

8.15 p.m.—A Play "Very Good Mr. McAndrew" by Moray McLaren (Studio).

8.45 p.m.—"L'Amoroso" "I Pagliacci" With Beniamino Gigli, Iva Pacelli, Mario Rinaldi and Members of the Chorus and Orchestra, conducted by Maestro Franco Ghione.

10.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.16 p.m.—Music of Chopin (Piano) by Alexander Tralowsky (Piano).

10.30 p.m.—"Composers Cavalcade" Al Hoffmann (ORDB).

11.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay).

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

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## Negotiations With Arab Leaders

Haifa, August 4. United Nations observers said today that a promise had been given to Israel that no more planes flown by British crews would arrive in Israel until higher authorities had dealt with the matter.

The Israeli Government said earlier today that it had warned the United Nations mediator, Count Folke Bernadotte that if British-manned aircraft allocated to the Count's commission landed in Israel their crews would be detained.

The message added that Israel could not agree to British personnel flying over Jewish positions "in view of Britain's unneutral attitude toward Israel."

Britain has assigned five small twin-engine passenger aircraft with their crews to Bernadotte. They are now in Beirut, Lebanon and are being used for communication between Arab countries.

A Jewish spokesman said that one plane landed at Haifa on Tuesday and was allowed to refuel on condition that it immediately flew out of the country. It did so.

United Nations observers explained that the plane had landed at Haifa because, as a result of bad communications, the Israeli warning about the landing of British crews had not been reached. United Nations Headquarters.

### Refugee Question

Count Bernadotte met the Egyptian Premier, Nokrashy Pasha, and the Arab League Secretary, General Azzam Pasha, in Alexandria today to discuss Palestine, Arab refugees and the de-militarization of Jerusalem.

After the meeting the Count disclosed that he had cabled the Security Council today asking it to re-affirm the right of Arab refugees to "return home at the earliest possible moment."

The mediator will discuss this problem with the Israeli Government when he visits Tel-Aviv tomorrow.

Between 300,000 and 400,000 Palestine Arabs are now being cared for in neighbouring Arab states.

King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan said in his mountain capital of Amman today that the present quarrel was "only the beginning. The Arab States are united to fight."

Arabs, however, did not rule out "any possible compromise that secures justice and prevents unnecessary bloodshed," he added.

### Arab Complaint

"We now stand before the United Nations and the Security Council," he said.

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### Nudist Convention

May's Landing, N. J., August 4. Five hundred nudist enthusiasts, members of the American Sunbathing Association, began their annual convention at nearby Sun-shine Park today.

The sessions would be strictly in the nude, said Dr. Halsey Boone, 69-year-old superintendent of the 2,000 acre park, where "clothes of any kind are strictly forbidden without special permission."—Reuter.

### Montenegro "Purge"

Belgrade, August 4. Press reports today said that the Montenegrin Government had been reshuffled, and prominent Party leaders have been included in the new government, according to reports.

A Provincial conference of the Montenegrin Communist Party has been summoned for October. Montenegro is one of the six federated republics which together constitute the "Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia."

Each of the six is run by a separate Cabinet, headed by a Communist Prime Minister, and has local autonomy in matters affecting its own territory alone. No explanation was immediately available for the reported Cabinet shuffle.—United Press.

### Shanghai Bid For Trade

Shanghai, August 5. A special committee has been formed here to study problems affecting trade with overseas and other Chinese nationals who wish to invest foreign exchange in domestic productive enterprises, including the importation of capital goods, essential raw materials and commodities.

Mr. C. C. Chen, Director of the Export Development Department of the Export-Import Board, is Chairman of the new Committee, whose membership includes about six other officials of the Board.—Reuter.

### POST FOR GENERAL CHANG CHUN

Shanghai, August 5. General Chang Chun, former Premier of China, arrived here from Kunming, capital of Yunnan, yesterday evening and will proceed to Nanking after a few days' stay, according to Chinese reports.

General Chang is believed to be due for an important Government post.—Reuter.

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## ITALY PREPARED FOR SACRIFICE FOR UNION

Rome, August 5. Italy is ready to take the lead in surrendering national sovereignty to bring about European union, Foreign Minister Count Carlo Sforza said today.

The bearded, 74-year-old statesman urged union now as the only cure for the continent's post-war economic and political ills and the sole hope for peace.

To bring it about and to do away with "archaic frontiers and archaic customs," he declared, in an interview, his nation is ready to "accept curtailment of its political sovereignty, even in the most unexpected aspects."

He said there was but one condition: "That others do the same."

A longtime advocate of unity, Sforza had his hand strengthened last week when the Senate, in approving the European Recovery Programme, urged their early development into effective union.

Only Communists and fellow travelling Socialists demurred. "Acceptance of national sovereignty has been and is one of the primary stumbling blocks in the way of a united Europe."

"To say that European countries ought to separate," Sforza said, "is to say that they first restrain in their economic life useless competition and divergent efforts."

"It means renouncing progressive areas of sovereignty, customs barriers, financial restrictions, anti-economic distribution of tasks and functions."

"It is these little and harmful autarchies that bear one single fruit—the misery of Europe."

It is necessary, therefore, Sforza argues, "to reopen Europe to the (free) circulation of goods, of labour and of ideas."

Italy knows, he continued, that this is the only way to arrive at that economic co-operation "which is the basis and end of the generous assistance lent through the Marshall Plan."

Even so, bread and work are not enough. "Peace also is needed," said Sforza, "for that."

European federation "must join together to defend, where necessary, peace and our 1,000-year-old civilisation."—Associated Press.

## Kashmir War Flare-Up

New Delhi, August 4.

Fighting over Kashmir appeared today to have turned into an open—though undeclared—war between the Dominions of India and Pakistan.

A statement that Pakistan troops are fighting Indian forces in Kashmir was published on Saturday in the Civil and Military Gazette of Lahore in Pakistan.

Up to now, no one in authority in Pakistan has denied the statement.

In this capital, that is held by Indians to be an acknowledgment of what Indian officials have claimed all along.

If true, it means that what could be comfortably looked upon in the past as a struggle by India to clear "raiders" from a state whose ruler has accepted it to India must now be viewed in more serious light.—Associated Press.

### MANILA RATIONS

Manila, August 5.

The National Rice and Corn Corporation today began rationing rice in Manila at the rate of 240 grams per person per day.

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### TITO STILL THERE

The Cominform has had its answer from the Yugoslav Communist party, and it would be hard to distinguish it from a resounding slap in the face. By re-electing Marshal Tito and his entire list of 62 candidates to the central committee of the party, the stout Communist core in Yugoslavia showed where it stands. Tito emerges stronger than ever and still able to deal with any attack launched against him by the Communist parties outside Yugoslavia.

He and his party emerge, therefore, as the first national Communist organisation in the remembered history of international Communism to withstand an assault from the international hierarchy. Unquestionably, the Cominform, when it issued its denunciatory blast against Tito a month ago, believed that the walls of Belgrade would come tumbling down. They have not. So far as we can see from the action of the dominant central committee of the Yugoslav Communists, the Cominform has made no dent in the unity supporting Tito.

There have been no reported defections, and if there had been any it is likely the West would have heard of them, for though reporting from Belgrade is not as free as the air, it is free enough to have allowed big news to leak out if there had been big news.

The Yugoslav Communist line, in opposition to the Cominform, carefully distinguishes between (a) the Soviet government, (b) the Russian Communist party and (c) all other Eastern European Communist parties. When the Yugoslavs attack, they attack the non-Russian members of the Cominform, leaving an implication that the Russians have been misled by rival satellites. Further, the men around Tito have been careful not to counterblast the governments, as distinct from the Communist parties, of their fellow satellites. This is an important distinction, for as yet, more than a month after the Cominform set out to purge Tito and other Yugoslav deviators from the true Marxist-Leninist faith, Communist governments generally have refrained from joining the Cominform in denouncing Yugoslavia.

With its week-long Congress at an end, the Yugoslav Communist party has made clear its position vis-à-vis Russia, and this may be highly significant: Yugoslavia is not a vassal state (the Belgrade Communists say), but an equal partner. The pre-eminence of the Soviet Union is not denied, but there must be no interference, and the degrees of co-operation must be mutually agreed upon. There may be nothing new in these words—for Russia has proclaimed such ideas time and again in so-called "mutual non-aggression" pacts—but there is something new in a subordinate, satellite party and government standing firm in support of them when the heat is turned on.

Palermo, August 4. Five farm workers who killed when they tried to move an aerial bomb in a field near here today.—Router.

## Long Hard Battle Faces Britain In Malaya

A long, hard war appears to face the British and their Malay, Chinese, Indian and Gurkha allies in their fight to prevent establishment of a Communist state in one of Britain's last footholds in this part of the world.

The British defence force is a considerable mixture of tired planters and tin mine managers, newly recruited Malay guards, relatively inexperienced British Tommies and swarthy Gurkhas, RAF squadrons and trained policemen, plus a thin sprinkling of Army veterans.

Against them is a scattered guerrilla force, estimated at 4,000 to 6,000, which the British Army Commander here says is named the Communist National Liberation Army and which planned by September 1 to be organised and trained to fight for the establishment of a Communist state in Malaya.

In their favour the British have numbers (at least five times as many men as the insurgents), vastly superior equipment, money and the support—passive support, at least, of the population.

But on their side the insurgents have a country thickly overgrown with dense jungle in which to hide, considerable fear among much of the population, and the element of surprise in striking where least expected at any one of numerous unprotected points.

### New Plans

Here is how the British combined offensive-defensive plan of operations will shape up when their forces are at full strength and fully trained.

The police will run the show, since a civilian government is in control and since the police have a more intimate knowledge of the country and its people. The Army will assist them wherever possible, making raids, going through suspected "bad" areas. The Royal Air Force will give aerial support, search for enemy concentrations, help the Royal Navy to watch the coast lines to prevent reinforcements for the insurgents coming in.

At least 6,000 volunteer police will guard estates, mines and other possible points of attack. Usually the estate and mine managers will head the individual units.

## "HOW HEATHEN IS BRITAIN?"

Nearly fifty per cent of young Englishmen today are pagan or semi-pagan and most of the nominal Christians have no more than a half-hearted unsatisfactory type of faith, and are incapable of saying why they believe as much as they do.

This is the conclusion arrived at by B.G. Sandhurst after lecturing to well over 5,000 Army cadets in the past two years. His audiences were young men aged between 18 and 22, the majority drawn from public and secondary schools, with a sprinkling of older men from the ranks or Dominions.

Mr. Sandhurst, who is neither a professional teacher nor a clergyman, has recorded his experiences in "How Heathen is Britain?" (Collins, 3/6d). His mission was to discuss post-war problems, and before taking up the appointment he made it clear that he would put over the principle of the Christian Social Order and make that the touchstone by which to judge the numerous plans now before the bemused citizen.

### Waste of Time

But after a few weeks he came to the conclusion that there were so few Christians in his class that it was a waste of time to talk of the Christian social order without preparing the ground beforehand by giving the evidence on behalf of Christianity. For eight or nine months, he writes "I saw no reason to alter my melancholy conclusion that Christians were in a tiny minority, and that materialism was firmly entrenched. It was not that the boys lacked interest or were in any way hostile, but during discussions it was the exception for anyone to back up the Christian argument."

He learned that among this cross-section of the educated youth of Britain there was a steady minority of over one-third who denied that they were anything more than animals, and about the same number who denied the existence of any known permanent standards. A large majority—fully 90 per cent—professed utter ignorance of the purpose and goal of human life.

For this state of affairs, Mr. Sandhurst, who received some 3,000 replies to a questionnaire he

dual defence units. This will permit the more experienced regular police and the Army to operate offensively against the insurgents, to seek them out in their hideouts and "destroy them", say the military leaders.

Much will depend on the way the population comes forward with information about the insurgents and reports on their movements. That in turn depends on how sure the population is that they are protected from some lurking insurgent. And that in turn depends on how successful are the troops, police and guards.

### By Harris Jackson

Months Away

But the planned organisation is at least several months away from anything like the stage where it can carry out full-scale offensive-defensive programme. Many of the Army are now recruits or unfamiliar with this country and its jungle warfare. The regular police force now numbers 10,500 of a planned total of 13,000. New recruits must be trained for five months. Volunteer auxiliary police total 4,000 of the anticipated 6,000. Their training takes two months.

Getting these volunteers on station in the country's estates, mines and other production centres is a matter of pressing urgency. Some of the larger estates have recruited their own guards, armed them and set up real military organisations.

But far too many of them have only makeshift defence setups. On most of them key to both the police and the production group of overworked managers and labour contractors, who must do their regular estate work by day and stand guard against possible attack at night. Government officials and leaders of the tin and rubber industry agree that relief for them is necessary, and soon, lest they crack under the strain.

It is hard to access accurately the extent of British success against their enemies in the first weeks since the war officially started with the proclamation of a state of emergency. The gov-

### Contradictions

Often enough, he remarks, a lad has been brought up by Christian parents "but as soon as he begins to think he comes conscious of a contradiction between the atmosphere of a science form and that of the scripture class, and if, as is only too often the case, it is literally a scripture class and nothing else (where little or no attempt is made to show that 'w' at being read is important or even true), the boy begins to doubt. As he grows older and considers the vast scheme of animal grab now bringing us to the brink of destruction, his doubts are confirmed and his faith is lost through the sheer inefficiency of his masters. It is they who have made God's revelation appear as a boring and outworn lie, and a badly told lie at that."

Schoolmasters are accused of purveying "morality tinged with emotion," of widespread neglect and inefficiency which would not be tolerated for a moment in the teaching of any other subject, and of lacking the capacity of putting Christianity in its proper setting—that of a sane and living philosophy.

Emphatic

Mr. Sandhurst is emphatic that there is no religious revival in Britain today. But the time is ripe for it, he thinks, and it depends on our schools whether we get it or not. "Thirty years ago," he adds, "religion was taken for granted, and any attempt to reason about it would have been considered indecent. Ten years ago I believe that the nominal Christians would have been bored and the sceptics hostile and contemptuous. Today the whole situation has changed. The horrors of this war have completed the work of disintegration begun in 1914. All certainty as to the existence of moral standards has gone. The persistent neglect and denial of Christian dogma has been followed by the destruction of the principles which derive from it, and from it alone, civilisation, based upon materialism has at last shown itself for the ghastly failure it is. The very completeness of the collapse has given us our opportunity."

Big Note Shipment Seized

Shanghai, August 5. Three trillion Chinese dollars in banknotes carried by passengers on a CATC plane from Shanghai was seized by the customs at Amoy, the Sheng Pao reported today.

The shipment of banknotes from one part of China to another is limited by law to CN\$200,000,000 (less than US\$500) due to a shortage of cash in the interior. Remittances to the interior through the government banks require payments of a premium ranging from 20 to 40 per cent. A man sending CN\$400,000,000 to Peking for instance, may have to pay anywhere from CN\$100,000,000 to CN\$200,000,000 in official premium to the bank. The rates of premium fluctuate from day to day.—Associated Press.

## Canada Ready To Blaze New Trail

By Mackenzie Porter

In the next ten years, whatever else happens, Canada, is destined to play a key role in Western diplomacy. With that prospect she has reached a vital fork in the road of her political development.

She can turn left and preserve her traditional association with the foreign policy of Whitehall. She can turn right and align herself with Washington's State Department.

Neither course appeals strongly. Both are inconsistent with the independence she has cherished since the British North America Act was signed in 1867.

Many realists believe that she is ready to blaze a new trail of her own straight between the diverging highways ahead.

### Closer Link

Canada is a living harmony of the British and American ways of life and she seeks to be neither British nor American. Already she is beginning to assert herself, to shake herself clear of the classic supporting part, and to make pronouncements which are essentially Canadian.

In the last few weeks Premier Mackenzie King has made several foreign policy speeches and kindred subjects have been debated in Parliament. In the past these matters were left discretely to London and Washington.

## FAVOUR TO CATHOLICS FIRMLY DENIED

Sydney, August 4.

"Fantastic and utterly without foundation" was how Mr. T. H. E. Hayes, Secretary of the Department of Immigration, described charges that Roman Catholics got preference in London in the allocation of migrant berths for Australia.

The charges were made in London by Mr. T. W. Potter, of the Protestant Union.

Mr. Hayes said: "Religion does not enter into the selection of immigrants in any way."

"The Australian states are responsible for the approval of all British nominations and the Commonwealth merely carries out the recommendations made by the states. The religious persuasion of the nominee does not appear on the Australian nomination form."

"Likewise, in Britain, applicants for free and assisted passages are not required to state their religion. The only qualifications considered are health, character and occupation. If the applicant satisfies on these points, his application for a passage is approved."

"After the migrant has been selected he may volunteer his religion on the application form for his document of Identity which is issued for the outward voyage instead of a passport. If the immigrant does not choose to state his religion, that is his own affair. The nominal rolls (passenger lists), will then carry the notation, 'religion not stated.' Statistics prove how baseless is the charge. The percentage of Catholics throughout this country, as assisted immigrants, is much lower than the percentage of Catholics in the Australian community."

"That migrants should be given an opportunity to state their religion has been recommended by the churches in Australia, so that they may be able to do their share in helping the newcomers on their arrival."—United Press.

### FLOOD DANGER PAST

Shanghai, August 5. The Chinese press quoted Governor Hsu Hui-chi of Hankow as saying the danger point in the Yangtze flood has passed in the Yangtze area.

Other Chinese reports from Chungking and Wanhsien said the winter level on the Upper Yangtze is beginning to drop.—Associated Press.

## HIROHITO SHOULD APOLOGISE

New York, August 4.

The Scripps Howard newspapers' foreign editor, William Philip Simms, said today that Emperor Hirohito should have apologised to his people for his part in World War II.

"It could change the future of the entire 'Western Pacific' to hold Hirohito guilty of war responsibility, since as a descendant of the gods he is above such temporal error, Simms said, adding, 'Many Japanese do feel he should express his regret to his own people and to the world for having been misled by the warmongers who brought ruin to his country.'"

"There are some 3,000,000 ex-soldiers in Japan who believed they were fighting in obedience to the Imperial wish. If Tojo and the other Japanese leaders are executed and the Emperor fails to apologise for his part in what happened, the effect might be profound."

Simms said a high Japanese informant had indicated that some of these men "might be carried away by the Communists."

He said informants observed that abdication would be going too far and would also cause disillusionment.

"The modern world certainly the United States, never had to face a stranger or more delicate situation. A mistake now might prolong the occupation, involve the loss of vast sums and possible lives."—United Press.

### MANILA MINES DIVIDEND

Manila, August 4.

The Atok-Big Wedge Mining Co. announced U.S.\$0.01 per share dividend payable August 9 to stockholders of record of July 8.

The firm, which operates a gold mine near Baguio, thus will have paid eight centavos or 80 per cent of par value on its shares in cash and a 20 per cent dividend for the year.—Associated Press.



# ANOTHER MEETING WITH STALIN

## Expected To Take Place In Moscow Soon

### Envoys Reticent On Progress Of Discussions

Speculation Might Be Very Harmful

Moscow, August 4.

second meeting between Marshal Stalin and the three Western envoys in Moscow is likely within the next few days, observers in the Russian capital forecast tonight.

## Going Deeper Into Isolation

Prague, August 4. Soviet satellites took a new step today towards isolating their people from Western influence when Rumania and Bulgaria decreed the closing of foreign schools.

At the same time, Czechoslovakia reported that French and English schools would be short of four lower grades, but would continue in the upper grades under the supervision of the Ministry of Education.

The official gazette in Bucharest published a sweeping decree closing all foreign schools in Rumania established and maintained by Governments or institutions of other countries or by communities or associations of foreign citizens.

The executive committee of the Bulgarian Parliament decreed the closing of all foreign schools effective September 1, and denounced its December 1936 School Convention with France.—United Press.

## CAT CRASH MYSTERY

Shanghai, August 5.

No clues as to the cause of the crash have been found in investigations by the Government's Civil Aviation Administration of the Civil Air Transport C-46 wreckage at Tsingtao.

The accident, which occurred last week, resulted in 19 being killed.

A general investigation by CAT is still in progress, but is also not expected to provide any information regarding the reason of the crash.

Airline pilots hold two possible causes responsible for the mishap: 1—Sabotage by the Communists; 2—A sudden shift of the passengers, making the tail end of the plane heavy.—Reuter.

## Chinese Soldiers Unruly

Shanghai, August 5.

Chinese soldiers created 81 major disturbances in Shanghai between October, 1946, and last month, according to City Council statistics quoted by the China Press today.

The city authorities are said to be sending records to the Ministry of National Defence, together with a petition calling for an improvement in army discipline.

The 81 cases include damage done to theatres following fights over free admission, and clashes with civilians and military police.—Reuter.

## RUSSIA DOES NOT WANT WAR--YET

Washington, August 4.

A reliable source today said that one of the chief impressions gained from the three envoys who saw Stalin, is that Russia does not want a war at present.

There is some intimation that the Russian industrial situation is not geared to war.

The latter impression was derived from Stalin's insistence on certain raw materials and finished materials from Western Germany.

This source said that apparently Stalin gave no straight answer on the question of lifting the Berlin blockade, but the envoys had an impression that Russia would consider this as soon as the Western Allies showed willingness at least to go some way to meeting Russia's viewpoint on Western Germany.

Materials were among the things the Russians want. There is great difficulty in let-

The Soviet Foreign Office and the British, French and United States Embassies are maintaining strict secrecy on the next move in the four-power discussions.

Every effort is being made to keep the time, and place of the next appointment secret, and it may only be known after it has taken place through a short jointly agreed communique.

Replies received from their Home Governments on the sought-for East-West talks over Germany, it was understood here tonight, brought the envoys of the three Western powers together for a hastily arranged 20-minute meeting at the British Embassy.

The meeting was attended by Mr. Frank Roberts, the personal Secretary to Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, General Walter Bedell Smith, the United States Ambassador, M. Yves Chataigneau, the French Ambassador, Mr. Foy Kohler, Counselor to the American Embassy, and Mr. Geoffrey Harrison, the British Charge d'Affaires.

As they left the Embassy, the envoys said they would meet again tonight at the French Embassy for dinner, but told correspondents there was "no news."

"There is nothing to tell you."

### Replies Received

Mr. Francois Seydoux, adviser to General Pierre Koenig, the French Military Governor in Germany, arrived in Moscow this afternoon. Mr. Roberts was lunching at the Indian Embassy with Mrs. Lakshmi Pandit, the Indian Ambassador, today when he was suddenly called back to the British Embassy.

Tonight's conference, lasted from 4.30 p.m. GMT. to 6 p.m. GMT. All the three envoys received their communications simultaneously from their respective Governments today. While their nature was not disclosed, it was believed that they did not imply any immediate further approach to the Soviet Foreign Office.

On the scanty information so far available, it would therefore appear that the envoys conferred on the communications received from their Governments. London diplomatic quarters believed some solution to the present situation in which two rival currencies are circulating in Berlin will have to be found before discussions between the Big Four can proceed on wider German problems.

### Committee Meets

The three-man Standing Committee on the Berlin crisis met in London today for the first time since Marshal Stalin received the envoys on Monday. The Committee is believed to have gone to work on the task of co-ordinating the policy of the Western powers on the next step to be taken in the diplomatic exchanges with Moscow.

In Berlin, the three Western Commandants were meeting in closed session to discuss the latest developments in the capital.

In Washington, Mr. George Marshall, the American Secretary of State, warned that

There was no question of the

Sudan being invited to attend the conference as "a British colony," the spokesman said. "The Sudan Government had—like other countries outside the colonial Empire, such as France, Belgium, Portugal, South Africa and Southern Rhodesia—only been invited to send observers."

The conference, which aims at an exchange of information on economic, medical, agricultural and local government problems, will be attended by delegations from all British African colonies.

It is understood here that the Sudan Government has accepted the British invitation to the conference and will probably send a mixed delegation of British and Sudanese observers.—Reuter.

Some compromise could be reached about the proposed Western Government federated states if the four powers are unable to reach an agreement on a German Government which might be reduced to the status of a Council of Western Federal States if the four powers are unable to reach an agreement on a German Government for all of Germany.

United Press.

## Austrian On War Crimes Trial

Hamburg, August 4. General Valentin Festerstein, 63-year-old Austrian, who commanded the 51st German Army Corps under Field Marshal Rommel, faced a Hamburg war-crime court today with five of his staff officers.

They were charged with having carried out Hitler's notorious "Commando Order" of October 18, 1942, that all special detachments sent to Germany by the Allies had to be annihilated.—Reuter.

## Tears For "Mr Eicho"

Yokohama, August 5. Strong men's eyes filled with tears and women sobbed uncontrollably when a skinny, bowed, lined man, broke through the ranks of MPs and dignitaries on the dock bidding farewell to the Eighth Army's Lieut-General Robert L. Eichelberger.

"Mr. Eicho," cried out frantically waving Tsunakichi Nishino, one of the three ricksha men General Eichelberger had granted permission to operate in front of the Eighth Army Headquarters two years ago.

The tall, gray-haired general who had led the Eighth Army through the South Pacific and did nearly three years of occupation duties in Japan, hailed on the gangplank, looked down and broke into sobs. The hand that had smartly saluted the ranks of men lining the road from the general's house to the gangplank went out toward Nishino in a gesture of farewell.—Associated Press.

## SOVIETS BACK TITO OVER TRIESTE

Lake Success, August 4.

Despite Cominform attacks on Marshal Tito, Soviet Russia and the Ukraine backed Yugoslavia in a debate at Lake Success today with the West over Trieste.

This line-up in the United Nations Security Council gave the first clear-cut indication that party differences had not dented the solid Slav front in its conflicts with the West.

M. J. Vilfan, Yugoslav representative, told the Security Council that the Western

powers had in effect incorporated part of Trieste into Italy.

M. Vilfan said that the United States and Britain had openly violated the Italian peace treaty in an effort to "bolster the reactionary forces of Italy."

"The only distinction between the Anglo-American zone of the free territory of Trieste and the Republic of Italy is open occupation by Anglo-American troops," he said.

M. Vilfan asked the Council to act quickly to prevent an alleged Anglo-American plot to give all Trieste to Italy.

Mr. Philip Jessup, United States representative, replied that the Yugoslav attack was designed for propaganda purposes. The charges, he said, were completely false.

Unworkable

"My Government is convinced of the unworkability of the solution envisaged in the treaty," Mr. Jessup said.

But he added that the United States would continue the administration of the Anglo-American zone "pending a solution of the problem."

Mr. Jessup said that the Council had been fully informed on the administration of the Western zone of Trieste by Yugoslav operations in its zone were shrouded in secrecy.

The Council, he said, might desire to inquire into what was happening in the Yugoslav zone.

Sir Alexander Cadogan, British representative, supported Mr. Jessup. He expressed regret that the Council, after almost a year's discussion, had been unable to select a Governor for Trieste.

He said that the fact that Yugoslavia had made no reports "does not mean that we are unaware of what is going on in the Yugoslav zone—far from it," he added.

"Later I may have occasion to refer to some of the more unpleasant features of what has been going on."

The debate was adjourned until August 10.

The adjournment was ordered by M. Yakov Malik of Russia, who is the Council's President—despite his own insistence that the Council should act without delay.—Associated Press.

## Allegation Withdrawn

Lake Success, August 4.

The Philippine delegate to the Security Council tonight withdrew a complaint that a British delegate had "reported" him to Cardinal Spellman for criticizing Church ownership of large estates.

The British representative, Sir Alan Burns, it was explained tonight, sent Cardinal Spellman—an old friend—an account of a Trusteeship Council meeting at which some delegates criticized Catholic missionary schools.

There was no mention in the letter of Church estates, nor was there any "complaint."

After hearing the facts, the Philippine delegate, Senor Victorio Carpio, withdrew his allegation.—Reuter.

## PRISONERS TOO COSTLY TO KEEP

Shanghai, August 5.

The Shanghai district court solemnly announced today that prisoners serving short terms for minor offences may be released soon—to cut municipal expenditures.

The Shanghai high court earlier had been notified by Nanking that funds for prisoners' food was to be cut by 50 per cent.

The high court notified the district court that in order to save the prisoners' board in the Scandinavian plane were killed. The inquest on the victims was opened on July 10 and adjourned until today.—Reuter.

## Traffic Opened On Small Scale

Hof, Bavaria, August 4.

The Soviet authorities have reopened the border between Thuringia, in the Soviet Zone and Bavaria, in the United States Zone, for traffic on a small scale, the German news agency DPD reported tonight.

The border was closed after the introduction of the new German currency in the Western Zones at the end of June. The relaxation of internal transport in the Thuringia-Bavaria border does not affect the long-distance traffic of goods or persons by road and rail.

In Frankfurt, the German Bizonal Railway Administration said today that it had received no news of an impending reopening of the Berlin-Helmstedt railway as reported earlier by Russian-controlled sources.

Preparations for 43 special trains from the Western Zones to the Leipzig Fair, including seven international trains, were made even after the Berlin line was closed by the Russians, a spokesman of the Railway Administration stated.

These trains would now, however, fall under the Anglo-American traffic ban of July 28.

"We have not been notified of any change in that," he said. The Fair is being held from August 29 to September 5.—Reuter.

## AIR CRASH INQUEST ADJOURNED

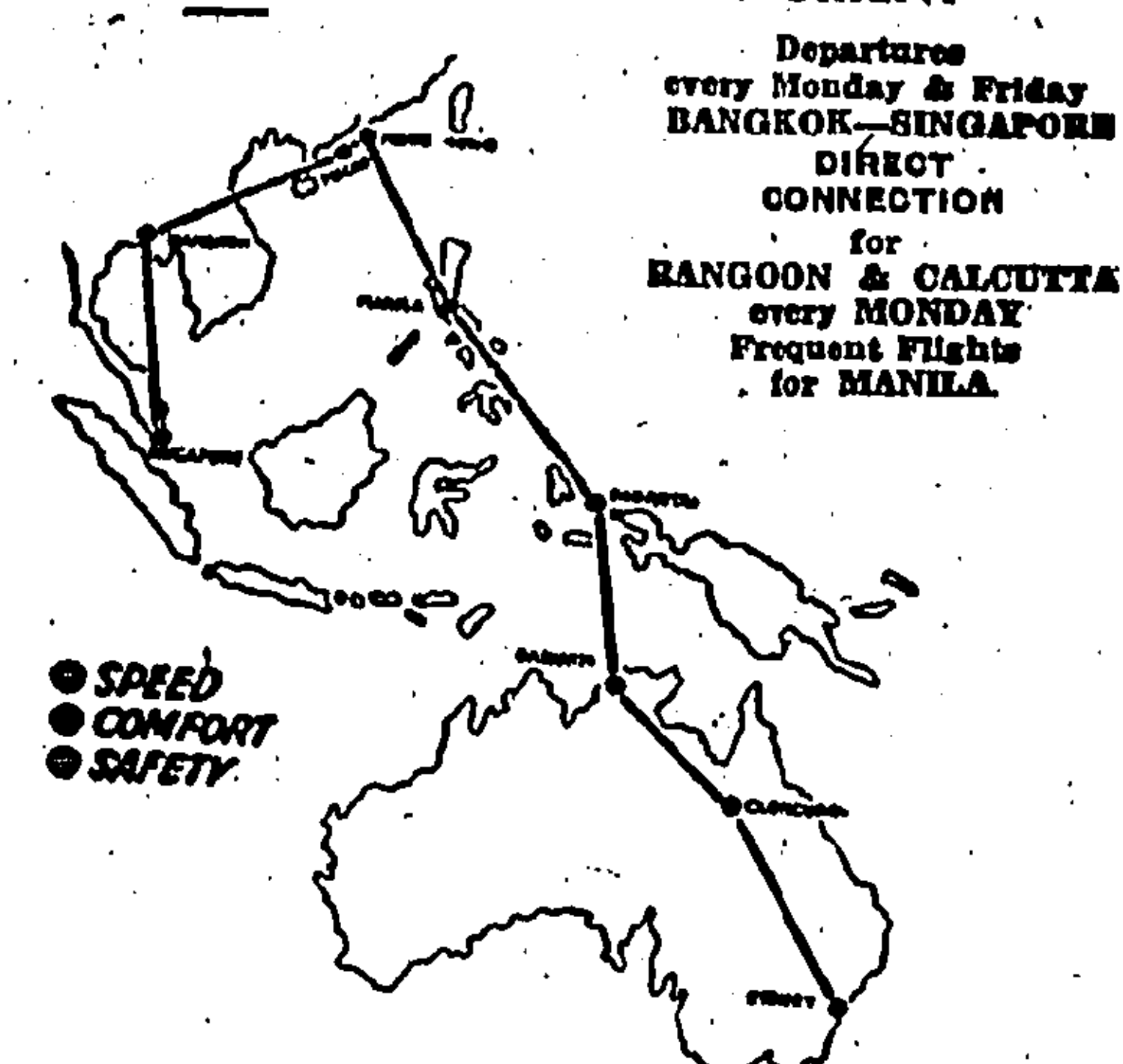
London, August 4.

The inquest on the 39 victims of the air disaster near Northolt Airport on July 4, when a Scandinavian Airlines plane was in collision with a Royal Air Force Transport Command aircraft has been adjourned until September 1.

Seven crew and 25 passengers in the Scandinavian plane were killed. The inquest on the victims was opened on July 10 and adjourned until today.—Reuter.

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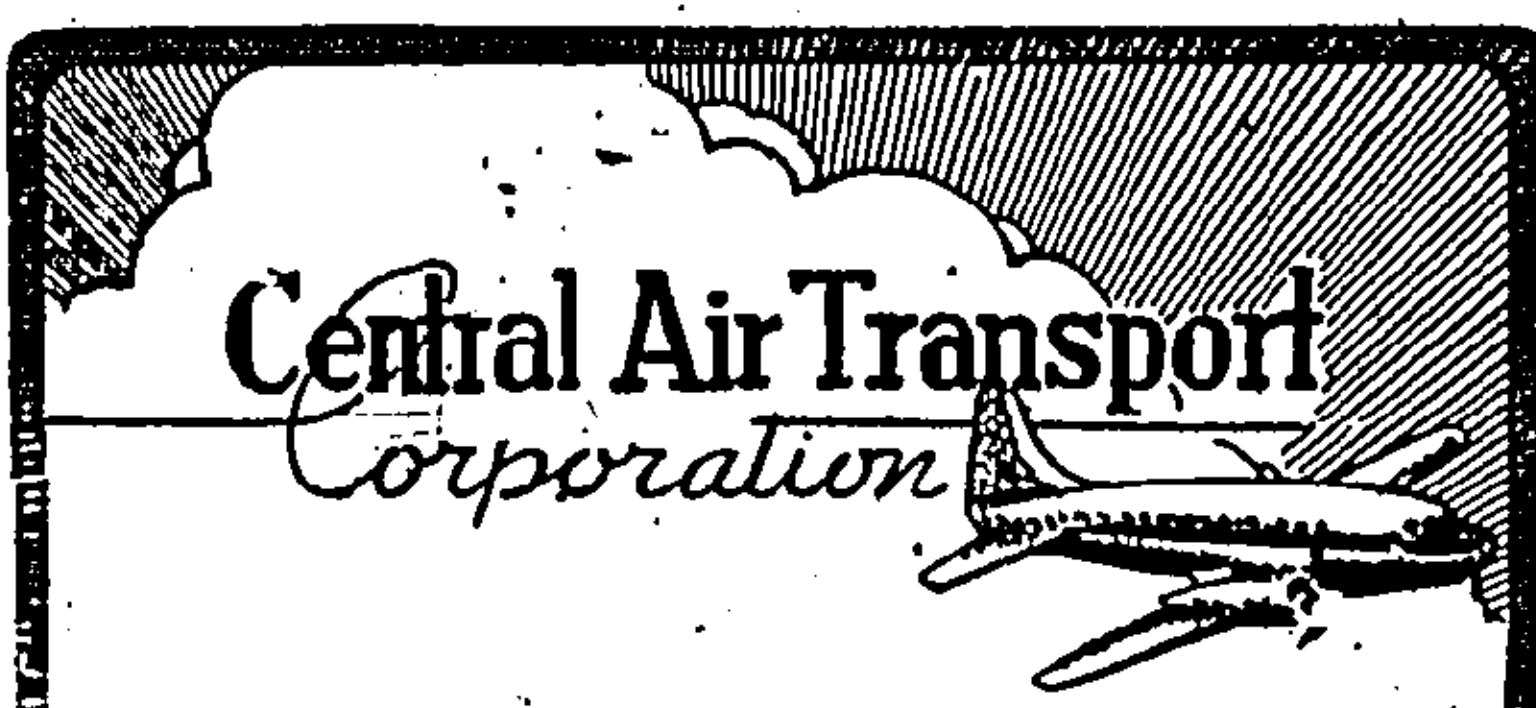
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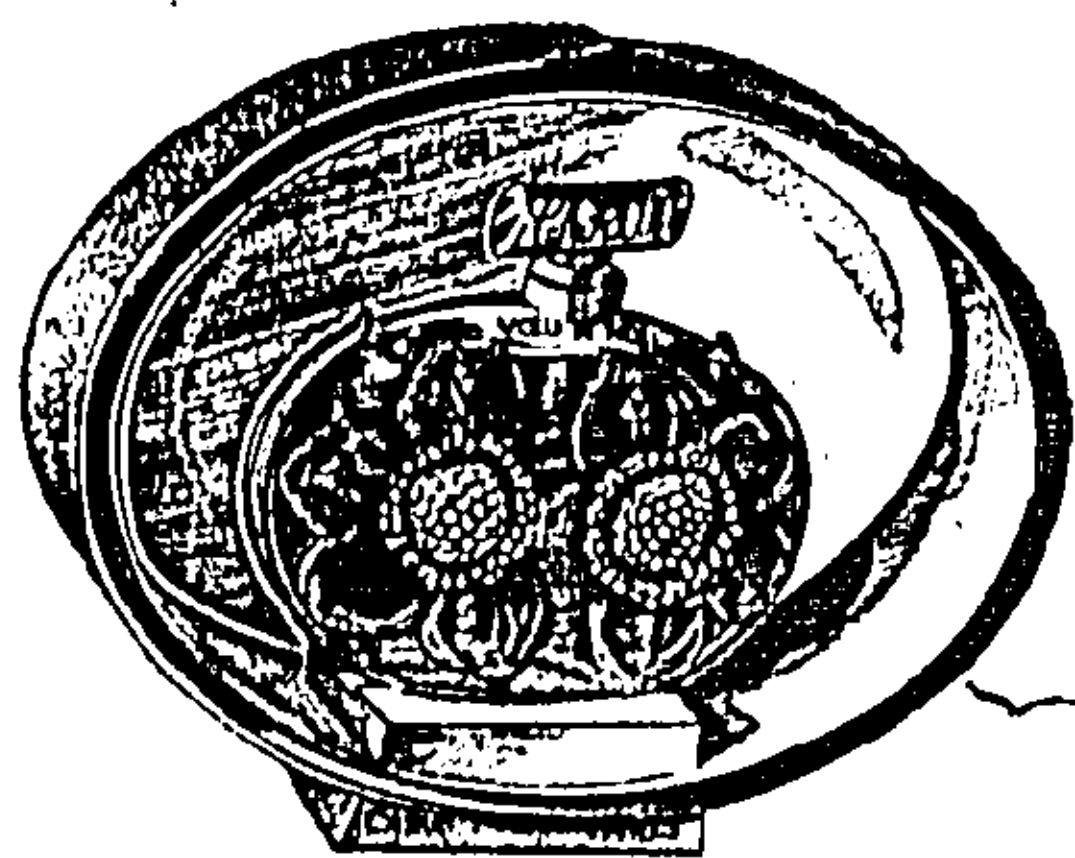
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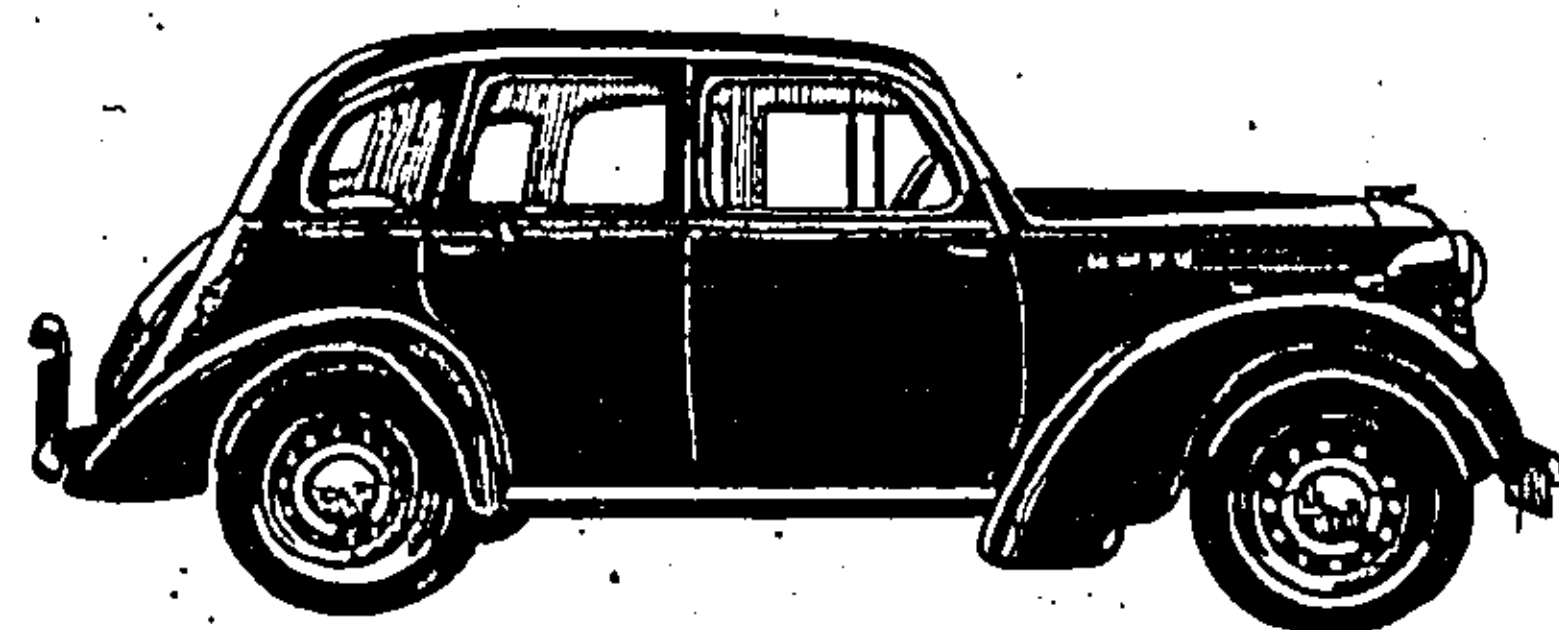
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## ARMY AND POLICE BEGIN NEW MALAYA COMB-OUT

Singapore, August 4.

Army and police tonight began a new comb-out of the Kulim area in South Kedah—the north-westerly State of the Federation—after the murder of an estate manager in his home this afternoon.

Gurkha veterans of the Burma jungle campaigns, meanwhile, thrust forward in Kalatan, 100 miles to the south-east, reaching Pulai, the Communist stronghold, where the insurgents hoped to proclaim their first Republican State.

Insurgents, armed with machine-guns, had ambushed an advance column three miles north of Pulai yesterday and killed one Gurkha.

The British manager of the estate killed yesterday, Mr. K. A. Burnham, was lying down reading a newspaper after lunch in his house on the Bukit Sjidim Estate when a Chinese walked in and shot him through the back of the head.

The British assistant manager heard the shot and fired at the escaping gunman, but did not know whether he had hit him.

British forces, following Spitfire attacks in lower Penak, have seized a considerable quantity of arms and ammunition and captured 38 prisoners, later releasing 16 of these, it was announced today.

### Trains To Have Radio

In a battle in Pahang yesterday, troops killed one guerrilla and captured four others.

Malaya has ordered 1,500 Sten guns from Britain and is enquiring whether she may have about 2,000 Australian Owen guns, Mr. C.W.D. Hall, the Police Commissioner of the Federation, said today.

One hundred Sten guns flown from Australia are being distributed, Mr. Hall added.

The Owen gun is an Australian-designed automatic weapon developed during the war. It is similar to the Sten gun.

Night trains between Penang, northern Malaya, and Singapore are to be fitted with radio for reporting terrorist attacks.

Two Chinese women wounded by a rocket fired accidentally from a Spitfire as it took off from an airfield here have died in hospital, bringing the death toll in two such accidents in the past four days to four, all women.

The Royal Air Force authorities are investigating the incidents, believed to have been caused by a short circuit in the rocket-firing equipment.

### New Police Chief?

An informed source in London said today that the Colonial Office has invited Colonel W. N. Gray to take charge of Malaya's police force to help the Colonial Government crush the resistance movement.

Colonel Gray, one-time Inspector General of the Palestine police, is understood to have accepted the job conditionally.

Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech Jones in June ordered Col. Gray to the British colony to reorganise the police force so that it could combat the guerrilla movement more effectively.

On his return last month, Colonial Office chiefs pondered for some time over whether to send Col. Gray on a new mission—this time to the West African colony, the Gold Coast, where widespread opposition to the local government culminated in major riots early this year. The informant said the wor-

sening situation in Malaya presumably caused the Colonial Office to change their minds about this new mission. Instead, they have asked Col. Gray to go back to Malaya to become Commissioner of the Federation's force.

Between 300 and 400 ex-Palestine police officers and men will be flown to Malaya to help him in his new job—if he accepts it—during the next month. The first batch of approximately 100 will leave this week, a Colonial Office spokesman said. Reuter and Associated Press.

### WINDING UP

Manila, August 4. The U.S. Alien Property Administration, working to wind up its work in the Philippines as soon as possible has announced the transfer of 20 former Japanese properties throughout the Philippines worth U.S.\$500,000 to the Philippine Government. Associated Press.



THREE-THEATRE SHOWING: A movie deal unprecedented in Hong Kong has been signed between the local representatives of Warner Bros. First National Pictures Inc. and the managers of the Queen's, Lee and Alhambra theatres. The agreement provides that the Warner Bros. production, "Life With Father," will be shown in these three theatres simultaneously later in the year.

The deal was finalised during the visit to Hong Kong of Mr. A. L. Caplan, Supervisor for Warner Bros. F. I. Pictures, Inc. (China and Hong Kong), in the picture above are Mr. C. S. Rossetti (Alhambra Theatre, signing), with Messrs. I. H. Yuen (Lee) and S. T. Wu (Queen's) on either side. Mr. Caplan and Mr. J. E. Dagal, local representative, are also in the picture.

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## CINEMA WORLD

### "13 Rue Madeleine"



JAMES CAGNEY watches narrowly while Richard Conte examines Top Secret papers. Conte plays a German spy in the ranks of the U.S. Intelligence. The film also marks Annabella's return to the screen after a long absence. (20th Century Fox).

### -- SHADOWS BEFORE --

#### "WHISPERING CITY" (Queen's).

Stars: Helmut Dantine, Mary Anderson, Paul Lukas.

Story: Bad-boy Helmut Dantine has a sympathetic role here which he has needed for a long time. He plays a young composer in Quebec who is persuaded that he killed his wife in a drunken moment. As a fee for silence on the part of his sponsor he is told to kill a girl reporter who has become a menace to the well-being of the sponsor, Albert Frederick (Paul Lukas). He falls in love with the girl (Mary Anderson) after his three attempts at murder are unsuccessful, and together they plan to expose Frederick. (Distributed by Eagle Lion).

#### "13 RUE MADELEINE" (King's).

Stars: James Cagney, Annabella.

Story: This wartime thriller was good drama and excellent propaganda when it was made, but it has lost some of its punch and purpose now. Bob Sharkey, (Cagney) of the U.S. Intelligence Service is training groups to operate in occupied countries when he learns that one of his most trusted men is a German spy. Nevertheless that group, (Annabella, Richard Conte, Frank Latimore) is sent overseas, and warned about Kuncel (Conte). Kuncel kills the other man, and Sharkey, informed by radio, flies to France himself. When their mission is all but accomplished, Sharkey and Suzanne are trapped and Sharkey is taken to the sinister house on 13 Rue Madeleine. Sometimes it is hard to believe that anybody could even act as tough as Cagney. (20th Century Fox).

#### "NORA PRENTISS" (Lee).

Stars: Ann Sheridan, Kent Smith, Bruce Bennett.

Story: The fact that Nora has a heart of a pure gold does not stop her from running off with Dr. Richard Prentiss, who has a wife and two children, my dear. Richard is concerned from Nora that, in order to get away, he changed places with a dead patient, burnt the corpse, and is now dead. He is suspected of the murder of himself, and while in his cups over it all strikes Nora's plucky night-club-owner boss (Robert Alda). He flees.

but is injured in an automobile crash. The "climax" is a remarkable wallow in an exchange of identities.

#### "STRANGE TRIANGLE" (Lee).

Stars: Signe Hasso, Preston Foster.

Story: Told in flashback form, the story concerns a veteran, Sam Crane (Preston Foster) who discovers a \$3,000 deficit in the books of a bank. The owner of the bank is the brother of a friend, and the wife of the owner is a friend, anyway. When the owner, Matthews (John Sheppard) tries to cover up Sam's discovery, on condition that the money goes back into the bank, Mrs. Matthews (Signe Hasso) is determined that it won't. When Matthews learns of her duplicity he shoots her, and Sam is brought in for her murder. (20th Century Fox).

#### "Whispering City"



MARY ANDERSON and Helmut Dantine in a romantic moment from "Whispering City." Mary Anderson was once tested for the role of Scarlett O'Hara. In this film she plays a newspaper girl who uncovers a story that endangers her own life. (Dist. by Eagle Lion).

### CINE MODITIES

ROBERT MITCHUM was elected an honorary member of the Eugene (Oregon) Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartets while on location near there for RKO Radio's "Rachel."

THE CHICAGO Brunette's Club, which is dedicated to the proposition that the brunette is mightier than the blonde, has offered to make Laraine Day its only film star member if she decides to adopt permanently the black tresses she wears as the heroine of RKO Radio's "Tycoon."

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## BRIGHTER PROSPECTS OF STABLE GOVERNMENT IN BURMA: THAKIN NU TO CARRY ON

London, August 4.

The political situation in Burma has assumed much clearer proportions as the result of the Prime Minister, Thakin Nu's, reported decision to remain in office until next April and of the visit to London of the Foreign Minister, U Tin Tut.

Burma's Foreign Minister, who left Britain today, saw leading members of the British Government, including the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Philip J. Noel Baker, the Commonwealth Secretary, while he was here.

He gave the Cabinet leaders an up-to-date appreciation of the general situation in Burma.

The announcement of Thakin Nu's decision to continue in office during the next eight months coincided with U Tin Tut's visit, and produced a heartening reaction in many political quarters here.

These quarters share the view of responsible Burmese circles that Thakin Nu's continued Government leadership is the one factor likely to have a stabilising effect upon the situation at the present time.

U Tin Tut, while here, reaffirmed his Premier's determination to see that Burma stamped out the Communist insurrection. He indicated that changes in the Government structure could be permitted only by constitutional means.

## Popular Front

Thakin Nu's present problems are well understood in London, as was the motive which inspired him to consider relinquishing the Premiership—mainly to continue as leader of the Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League.

Through the direction of the League—freed from the responsibility of Government leadership—Thakin Nu hoped to weld together all constitutional and democratic elements in Burma, regardless of party, into a united popular front and thus to safeguard his country's recently won independence.

His resignation, however, was received with dismay, not only in many quarters in Burma—including frontier areas—but among Burma's British friends, who were watching her evolution as an independent country and her struggle for economic recovery.

Without his leadership, it was thought, the authority of the Government might quickly weaken and the whole constitutional structure be threatened by elements such as the endeavoured to overthrow the Administration by force earlier this year—Reuter.

## LIVERPOOL RACE RIOTS: FIFTY ARRESTS

Liverpool, August 4.

The case of about 50 persons—mostly Negro—charged in connection with street disturbances here has been adjourned until later. No new incidents have been reported.

The group appeared in court yesterday on charges of being connected with what the police described as serious racial disturbances over a period of several days.

The prosecutor, Mr. G. MacAlister, said that on Monday night a gang of Negroes, armed with bottles, swords, daggers, iron bars, blackjacks and axes, attacked several white men who were walking along peacefully in Upper Parliament Street district. Several persons were reported hurt and some houses and property damaged.

He said they out-numbered the white men. The gang's headquarters appeared to have been a Negro club, Mr. MacAlister continued. When police tried to disperse the crowd, they were stoned and bottles thrown at them from the club windows.

Feeling was high between Negroes and white men and there was danger of worse things happening if the men were allowed bail, the prosecutor said.

Last night, after the police took extra precautions, crowds did not collect and few persons ventured into the streets after dark.—United Press.

## Dr Schacht's Defence

Berlin, August 4.

Dr. H. Schacht told the Ludwigsburg de-Nazification Tribunal today: "I had to get on with the National Socialists to carry out my economic policy and thus remove unemployment."

"The November, 1932, elections made it inevitable that Hitler should be offered the position of Chancellor," he added. Asked to explain a letter of August, 1932, assuring Hitler of his sympathy and expressing the opinion that the Nazi movement was one of "compelling necessity and truth," Dr. Schacht replied that the letter was calculated to captivate Hitler.—Reuter.

## BRITISH COAL EXPORTS

London, August 4.

Britain's coal exports were over 750,000 tons ahead of schedule in the first 28 weeks of the year.

Exports for this period exceeded 8,000,000 tons. The export target for 1948 is about 13,000,000 tons.—Reuter.

## MARKOS ARMY REPORTED CUT IN TWO

Athens, August 4.

General Markos' "Free Greece" was today cut in two, the Greek Army said.

A General Staff spokesman announced that at noon two advancing columns met in the heart of former guerrilla territory, south of Fourka.

The columns had been advancing for the past ten days from the east and west into a 300-square-mile area, all that is now left of the former large guerrilla-held territories.

The actual junction was made possible by two battalions, which

## Noisy Scene At Wembley

London, August 4.

Police were called to a noisy scene outside the Wembley Pool tonight where the Olympic swimming and water polo events were being held. Hundreds of people unable to gain admission were demonstrating outside. While police were establishing order, the Olympic Committee issued a statement that "all Olympic records" have been broken at Wembley, where, for the third successive day, 80,000 saw the performances.—Reuter.

## UP OFFICE THREATENED

Shanghai, August 4.

A fire among dyes stored in a warehouse adjacent to the United Press office disrupted news service two hours and panicked two score residents of the United Press office building tonight.

Some foreigners, roused from sleep, fled down four flights of steps half-dressed as flames billowed across from the warehouse, Chinese living in a part of the warehouse fled shortly before the United Press was preparing to evacuate when the fire was controlled.

It was the third time in a year and a half that the United Press was threatened by nearby fires.—United Press.

## Britain To Fight For Investment

Belgrade, August 4.

Britain and France are expected to fight vigorously at the Danube Conference here for the repayment of the millions of pounds they have invested in the river commissions the Russians are proposing to abolish.

Britain has between £60 and £70 million invested in the European and international commissions, set up by the 1921 Danube Convention, and France considerably more.

The Soviet draft for a new Convention includes a clause cancelling these debts.

When the Conference resumed its work today, with Sir Charles Peake, the British delegate, in the chair, the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, M. Andrei Vyshinsky, said his draft did not give "unjust privileges" to non-Danubian States as the old Convention did.

"We cannot approach this question from the point of view of equal opportunity for all," he said.

"This does not apply to the Suez and Panama Canals, and there is no reason why it should apply to the Danube."—Reuter.

## SOVIET PLAY FOR ITALIAN GOODWILL

London, August 4.

Byelo-Russia and the Ukraine have urged the Big Four to return Libya, Eritrea and Somalia to Italy for rule as United Nations trusteeships, an official Soviet source said today.

The two Soviet Republics thus formally sealed Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov's pre-election pledge to Italy that Russia will back her return to Africa as a colonial power responsible to UN.

Both Byelo-Russia and the Ukraine reserved the right to present additional statements to the Council of Foreign Ministers when the issue is referred to it at the end of this month, the Russian official said.

This was seen as a clear hint by Russian governmental leaders that a new Big Four get together may be convened whatever the outcome of the present talks in Moscow over Germany.

Byelo-Russia and the Ukraine, in written statements to the deputy foreign Ministers also expressed support for land-locked Ethiopia's demand to be given access to the sea through Eritrea in North-East Africa to the Red Sea port of Massawa.

They also expressed a desire for keeping the semi-desert territory of Libya unified in direct conflict with reported western plans to divide the region into its component provinces of Tripolitania, Cyrenaica and the Fezzan.—Associated Press.

## SUEZ CANAL PROTEST

Paris, August 4.

France has protested to Egypt against Egypt's claim to exercise the right of inspection of all ships passing through the Suez Canal.

A French Foreign Office spokesman said the protest rejected Egypt's view that she is entitled by events in Palestine to exercise the right of inspection as she did during the war, for France considered there is no state of war in Palestine and Egypt has not been recognised as a belligerent.—Reuter.

## PACT DEMENTI

Athens, August 4.

A Cairo newspaper report that Egypt and Greece intended to submit to the United Nations Assembly in Paris in September a proposed Mediterranean pact were denied here today.

An authoritative source said the Greek Government had taken no action in this sense. It was not known whether some third party might have done so.—Reuter.

## TINY GLIMMER OF HOPE FOR GIANT PLANE

Paris, August 4.

The French weather ship, *Loverior*, reported tonight that she had received a second SOS signal today, coupled with the call sign of the missing flying boat *Lafayette 631*, down somewhere in mid-Atlantic off the west coast of Africa since Sunday.

An American Flying Fortress over the Atlantic reported tonight that she had also received an SOS signal from the flying boat. The weather ship reported that the second signal was heard at 6.00 a.m. GMT today,

prefaced with the call sign "Der Marconi," the identification of the giant 40-ton missing Air France craft.

Planes and ships from three continents have been searching day and night in an area off the French West African coast for the seaplane which had 52 passengers on board. Eight American bomber aircraft, two from the United States, three from the Bermuda and three from Germany today, took part in the search.

The garbled, faintly-heard radio message today offered what a French Admiralty spokesman described as a "tiny glimmer of hope" that trace had been found of the aircraft. The Admiralty spokesman said calculations appeared to show the position of the message-sender as within 200 miles of the French West African coast.

An Air France official told Reuter that the latest signal was picked up by one of the American Superfortresses engaged in the widespread international search.—Reuter.

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